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- Parchim (T-74): Armored troops were accomodated in barracks on the southwest edge of Parchim, and at least thirty-five tanks were observed in the adjacent fields on 16 April 1947. They carried one gun with a barrel approximately 4 meters in length, and had eight wheels and three very small idler wheels on each side. More tanks of the same type were observed driving through the town;  
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- Many officers and soldiers were observed in the town of Parchim wearing the "Guards" medallion on the right breast. The epaulettes of the garrison were black with a red border, either plain or with crossed gun barrels or tank symbol; also green with a red border, red with a black border, and light blue with a black border.  
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- Considerable air activity was taking place over Parchim in mid-April. The majority of aircraft observed were fighters.
- Ludwigslust (T52): Shoulder straps worn by Red Army troops in Ludwigslust were mainly black with a red border, either plain or with two crossed gun barrels or a tank.
- Stettin: During April 1947 an 8000-ton troop transport discharged a Russian armored formation in Stettin,  
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- During the period 7-28 April 1947, troop trains left Stettin, travelling via Reppin and Frankfurt/Oder to Wandern (W05). The troop trains were not made up uniformly, but each hauled between two and eight armored force vehicles loaded on SSYS trucks (four-axled trucks of forty-eight tons'weight, built to carry a load of sixty tons).

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8. The vehicles transported comprised between 176 and 182 armored force vehicles, fourteen command tanks, 200 to 220 trucks, some workshop trucks, miscellaneous equipment and ammunition. The tanks carried were similar to the T-43 except that the barrel of the gun had a single muzzle brake. The weight of each tank was estimated at thirty-eight tons; the gun, which was of 75 or 76.2 mm, had a barrel about 3.2 m long; the engines were air-cooled Diesels; the tracks, which were about 75 cm wide [redacted]. The command tanks were of a somewhat lighter type, weighting about twenty-eight tons. Instead of a gun they had turret unlike that of the T-43; they were equipped with W/T, and a tubular metal framework was erected over the vehicles. 50X1-HUM

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